



Advent

OUR SAVIOR  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

# WELCOME TO OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

## **MISSION**

Burning with the Spirit of Christ in us, we are called to serve our neighbors. In following Jesus' teaching and example, we at Our Savior Lutheran Church will feed souls through worship, word, and witness while feeding our neighbor with our hands and actions.

We are honored you have chosen to worship with us today. Our Savior is a community that aspires to follow Jesus so that all may know of the love of God in Christ.

**FAMILY RESOURCES** At the sanctuary entrance there are books and clipboards with paper & crayons. Children are welcome to take these items into worship. Additionally, the family area just outside the sanctuary has full audio and a view of the service. There you will find toys, books, seating, and room to roam.

**HOLY COMMUNION** Communion is the central gathering meal of the church. In this meal Christ promises to be fully present, offering forgiveness, a renewed faith, and a regenerative life. Everyone is invited to come forward, as you are able. Individual servings of bread & wine (red) or juice (white) await you; gluten-free bread is available. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest.

**WE'D LOVE TO CONNECT** If you find yourself in a time of spiritual need or you're searching for more, we would love to walk with you. Simply fill out a Connections Card and we will contact you.

## **LAST SUNDAY'S MUSIC CHOICES**

Parish Musician David Liu often changes his choices for prelude, postlude, and offering music last minute, as the Spirit guides him. Here are last Sunday's choices:

December 7, 2025

Prelude: *Jesus Paid It All*—Arr. Victor Labensky

Postlude: *Interlude*—Mark Hayes

**Third Sunday of Advent**

Sunday, December 14, 2025

10:00 a.m.

*WOV Holy Communion Setting Four:  
Light of Christ*



**Our Savior Lutheran Church**

745 Front Street South

Issaquah, WA 98027

425-392-4169

**HOLY COMMUNION**

**GATHERING: THE HOLY SPIRIT CALLS US TOGETHER AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD.**

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *(Please take a moment of silence to reflect.)*

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN**

*Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn*

ELW 242

## GREETING

The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, the love of Christ that guards our hearts and minds, and the joy and consolation of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

## SONG OF PRAISE *My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness* ELW 251

1 My soul pro-claims your great-ness, Lord; I sing my Sav - ior's praise!  
2 To all who live in ho - ly fear your mer - cy ev - er flows.  
3 To Is - ra - el, your ser - vant blest, your help is ev - er sure;

You looked up - on my low - li - ness, and I am full of grace.  
With might - y arm you dash the proud, their schem - ing hearts ex - pose.  
the prom - ise to our par - ents made their chil - dren will se - cure.

Now ev - 'ry land and ev - 'ry age this bless - ing shall pro - claim—  
The ruth - less you have cast a - side, the low - ly throned in - stead;  
Sing glo - ry to the Ho - ly One, give hon - or to the Word,

great won - ders you have done for me, and ho - ly is your name.  
the hun - gry filled with all good things, the rich sent off un - fed.  
and praise the Pow'r of the Most High, one God, by all a - dored.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

### LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

*Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah (ELW 240), verse 3  
(Sing once during processional and once during recessional.)*



Light three can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.



Lift your heads and lift high the gate-way for the King of glo - ry.

## WORD: GOD SPEAKS TO US IN SCRIPTURE READING, PREACHING, AND SONG.

### FIRST READING

Isaiah 35:1-10

<sup>1</sup> The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad;  
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;  
like the crocus <sup>2</sup> it shall blossom abundantly  
and rejoice with joy and shouting.

The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,  
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.

They shall see the glory of the LORD,  
the majesty of our God.

<sup>3</sup> Strengthen the weak hands  
and make firm the feeble knees.

<sup>4</sup> Say to those who are of a fearful heart,  
“Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,  
with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you.”

<sup>5</sup> Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
and the ears of the deaf shall be opened;

<sup>6</sup> then the lame shall leap like a deer,  
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness  
and streams in the desert;

<sup>7</sup> the burning sand shall become a pool  
and the thirsty ground springs of water;  
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp;  
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

<sup>8</sup> A highway shall be there,  
and it shall be called the Holy Way;  
the unclean shall not travel on it,  
but it shall be for God's people;  
no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray.  
<sup>9</sup> No lion shall be there,  
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;  
they shall not be found there,  
but the redeemed shall walk there.  
<sup>10</sup> And the ransomed of the LORD shall return  
and come to Zion with singing;  
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;  
they shall obtain joy and gladness,  
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 146:5-10** (*sung responsively*)

<sup>5</sup> Happy are they who have the God of Jacob | for their help,  
**whose hope is in the | Lord their God;**  
<sup>6</sup> who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that | is in them;  
**who keeps promis- | es forever;**  
<sup>7</sup> who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food  
to | those who hunger.  
**The Lord sets the | captive free.**  
<sup>8</sup> The Lord opens the eyes of the blind; the Lord lifts up those  
who | are bowed down;  
**the Lord | loves the righteous.**  
<sup>9</sup> The Lord cares | for the stranger;  
**the Lord sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the  
way | of the wicked.**  
<sup>10</sup> The Lord shall | reign forever,  
**your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. | Hallelujah!**

**SECOND READING**

James 5:7-10

<sup>7</sup> Be patient, therefore, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. <sup>8</sup> You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. <sup>9</sup> Brothers and sisters, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! <sup>10</sup> As an example of suffering and patience, brothers and sisters, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**



**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Prepare the Royal Highway*

ELW 264

**APOSTLES' CREED**

Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

**MEAL: GOD FEEDS US WITH THE PRESENCE OF JESUS CHRIST.**

**OFFERING STATEMENT**

We are grateful for offerings for the mission of the church. You may give here in the pews, use the QR code in the bulletin, or go online at [oslcissaquah.org](http://oslcissaquah.org). Thank you so much for your generosity.



**OFFERING MUSIC**

Choral Ensemble

*In the Bleak Midwinter* ELW 294

*(When Nora turns around and gestures to the congregation, please join the Choral Ensemble in singing the final verse—verse 3—of this classic carol.)*

**In the Bleak Midwinter**



1 In the bleak mid - win - ter, frost - y wind made moan,  
2 Heav - en can - not hold him, nor . . . . earth sus - tain;  
→ 3 What . . . can I give him, poor . . . . as I am?



earth stood hard as i - ron, wa - ter like a stone;  
heav'n and earth shall flee a - way when he comes to reign;  
If I were a shep - herd I would bring a lamb;



snow had fall - en, snow on snow, snow on snow,  
in the bleak mid - win - ter a sta - ble place suf - ficed  
if I were a wise . . . man I would do my part;



in the bleak mid - win - ter, long a - go.  
the Lord . . . God al - might - y, Je - sus Christ.  
yet what I can I give him— give my heart.

Text: Christina Georgina Rossetti, 1830–1894  
Music: CRANHAM, Gustav Holst, 1874–1934

## PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

*(As the offering is brought to the altar, we will sing.)*

The musical score is written on six staves in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. It begins with a common time signature 'C' and a key signature of one sharp. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics printed below each staff. The lyrics are: 'Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, fill to the brim our cup of bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed, we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and the dreams of all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer now. Grace our ta-ble with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.'

**C** Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, fill to the brim our  
cup of bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown,  
that we may be fed, we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gath-er the hopes and the dreams of all; u-nite them with the  
prayers we of-fer now. Grace our ta-ble with your pres-ence,  
and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

## OFFERING PRAYER

### DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### PREFACE

It is indeed right . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

The musical score is written on five staves in treble clef with a common time signature (C). The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

### COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION AT THE RAIL

## LAMB OF GOD

**♩** Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, have mer - cy.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
have mer-cy on us, havemer-cy on us, have mer - cy.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

## COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

*Let Us Break Bread Together* ELW 471

*Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers* ELW 244

*We Come to the Hungry Feast* ELW 479



**POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE**

**C** Thank-ful hearts and voi - es raise; tell ev- 'ry -  
one what God has done. Let all who  
seek the Lord re - jice, re - jice and  
bear Christ's ho - ly name. Send us, O God, with your  
prom - is - es, and lead us forth in joy  
with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER**

**BENEDICTION**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SENDING HYMN**

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

ELW 254

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE**

# OSLC Announcements

## Sunday, December 14 is Final Collection Day for Gift Cards

For the last few weeks, there have been two Christmas trees in the narthex with gift tags. Thanks for choosing a gift tag and purchasing a gift card for Vine Maple Place or the OSLC Benevolence Fund. We're grateful to all who have already donated gift cards.

This Sunday, December 14 is the final day we'll collect gift cards. Please put them in the correctly labeled box (for Vine Maple Place or OSLC Benevolence Fund) next to the Christmas trees. We're immensely grateful for your generous support of the people in our community.



## Thank You for Filling the BIG Coffee Pot on December 7!

Last Sunday, December 7 was the 6th of 12 gatherings for the coffee pot. We received \$326 for Espresso Your Faith. THANK YOU for your generosity!



GIVE BOLDLY,  
ONE COFFEE AT A TIME

The next gathering for our Abundance Budget will be on Sunday, January 4.



### Make Sure to Browse the Advent/Christmas Table and the Focus!

The Advent/Christmas table in the narthex is overflowing with flyers announcing Advent and Christmas events happening at OSLC and in the local Eastside Lutheran Church Community (ELCC). You can find the ELCC events here: [www.eastsidelutherancc.org/events](http://www.eastsidelutherancc.org/events).

You'll also find Advent devotionals as well as Christ in Our Home prayer booklets for January-March 2026. Please feel free to take devotionals, prayer booklets, and flyers home, if you wish.

In addition, the December 2025-January 2026 Focus newsletter was emailed and printed on Wednesday, December 10. It's full of articles, updates, and announcements for Advent, Christmas, and the new year. You'll find printed copies of this new Focus on the top right side of the rack outside the Parish Administrator's office door.

### Emergency Pastoral Care

For emergency pastoral care, please contact Pr. Olaf Baumann at 360-912-1830 or Pr. Kristin-Luana Baumann at 360-912-1245.

# OSLC Announcements



ELCC Bell Choir:  
Looking for Ringers!



Rehearsals:  
Tuesdays, January 6, 13, 20, 2026,  
7-8:30PM @ Our Savior LC,  
745 Front St S, Issaquah, WA.

Bell Service Music:  
1.25.2026, 10AM OSLC, Issaquah  
2.1.2026, 10AM, SLLC, Bellevue  
2.8.2026, 9:30AM MSLC, North Bend

More Information :  
Pr.KL@oslciissaquah.org



JOIN US FOR  
**BEERS & CAROLS**



**MONDAY DECEMBER 15TH  
5-6 PM**

FORMULA BREWING  
1875 NW POPLAR WAY STE.3  
ISSAQUAH WA 98027



This event is  
outside under  
tents & heaters -  
dress warmly.  
Drop in anytime

Caroling Christmas  
Songs  
Friends New and  
Old

Hosted by:  
Our Savior Lutheran Church,  
Spirit of Peace United Church of Christ,  
Community Church of Issaquah, and  
Faith Church

## Coffee Fellowship Thank You's

We have been asked how we see God working in our lives. The coffee hour last Sunday was one of those for me.

Due to uncontrollable circumstances, the plan for our coffee treats changed. Amazingly, three people unexpectedly surprised us with delicious treats: Gary H. came in bringing his homemade chocolate chip cookies. Vicky J. also brought in her homemade potato chip cookies. Someone else brought in their homemade chocolate chip cookies. We had plenty of treats for all to enjoy. Thank you to Connie F. for the tablecloths and poinsettias to add a festive ambience.

So many pitched in and helped with cleanup. People just start doing it. This is so very much appreciated. After the long Congressional meeting, it enabled us to leave a lot sooner. Thank you! As Tiny Tim said, "God bless us, every one!"—Submitted by Lois D.

# OSLC Announcements



Come shop our racks of gently used and new women's and men's clothing, shoes, and accessories.

**Date:** Tues, Dec 16: 1 pm - 3 pm  
**Location:** Our Savior Lutheran Church  
 745 Front Street, Issaquah

Everything is free. No registration required.

In partnership with Our Savior  
 Lutheran Church of Issaquah



If you'd like to volunteer at the event (setup 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m., during the event 1:00-3:00 p.m., or cleanup 3:00-4:30 p.m.), please contact Angela Dahrea at [angela@communityclothingcloset.org](mailto:angela@communityclothingcloset.org).



## Sudarium Reading on Dec. 21

NEXT Sunday, December 21 at 11:15 a.m. (during Coffee Fellowship) in Anderson Hall), Sammamish writer Chuck Shelton will read from his newest thriller, *Sudarium*. *Sudarium* explores what it means to live with integrity and courage as a person of faith. It disrupts stale views about gender among Christians and invites its readers to pursue their spirituality with fresh eyes in the context of radically loving oneself and others. After the reading, Chuck is available to answer your questions and sign copies.

## ✚ Share & Prayer ✚

We invite you to include these people in your daily prayers. Please email [office@oslcissaquah.org](mailto:office@oslcissaquah.org) your prayer requests. A complete list of prayers can be found in the Focus newsletter each month.

- ◆ **Mary F.**, for healing and comfort
- ◆ **Hannelore M.**, for correct diagnosis, successful treatment, and good healing
- ◆ **Dianne T.**, for healing after surgery and for her new infusions to work
- ◆ **Suzanne D.**, for healing her lower back fracture
- ◆ **Carl S.**, to stay positive and for a change of work shift from nights to days (nephew of Anne E.)
- ◆ **Amy S.**, who needs to be lifted up in prayer (sister of Lisa D.)

## Mourning the Death of Loved Ones

Please keep their family, friends, and loved ones in your prayers.

- ◆ **Linda Hines** (former Shepherd of the Hills member)
- ◆ **Dave Carlson** (husband of Marilyn)



## Serving in Worship Today

**Presiding Minister:** Pr. Olaf Baumann  
**Preacher:** Pr. Kristin-Luana Baumann  
**Assisting Minister:** Debby B.  
**Pianist:** David Liu  
**Psalm Cantor:** Nora T.  
**Ushers:** Barbara F-S. and Tom K.  
**Altar Guild:** Stacy S.  
**Sound/Video:** Gabby G. and Jon S.  
**Candle Lighters:** Leighton, Vienna, and Rae W.

# This Week at Our Savior Lutheran Church

## **TODAY**

9:00 a.m.

9:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

3:00-5:00 p.m.

## **DECEMBER 14—THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**Monthly Melody Rehearsal (Sanctuary)**

*Spirit of Peace UCC (SOP Sanctuary)*

**Worship Service (Sanctuary)**

**Coffee Fellowship (Anderson Hall)**

**Collection of Gift Cards from Christmas Giving Trees (Narthex)**

*New Creation Church (Youth Room)*

*Master Chorus Eastside "Tidings of Light" Concert (Sanctuary, Anderson Hall, and Education Room) (Setup starts at 12 p.m.)*

*To buy tickets: <https://www.masterchoruseastside.org/concerts>*

## **MONDAY**

10:30 a.m.

3:00 p.m.

5:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

## **DECEMBER 15**

**Congregational Care Ministry (Library)**

**Companions Bible Study (Online)**

**Beers and Carols (Formula Brewing in Issaquah)**

*Boy Scout Troop 676 (Anderson Hall)*

## **TUESDAY**

10:00 a.m.

1:00-3:00 p.m.

7:45 p.m.

## **DECEMBER 16**

*Emil Khudiyev Student Recording Session (Sanctuary)*

*Clothing Closet Event (Anderson Hall) (Setup starts at 11:30 a.m.)*

*AA (Anderson Hall)*

## **WEDNESDAY**

7:00 p.m.

## **DECEMBER 17**

*Boy Scout Troop 676 PLC (Anderson Hall)*

Music lessons are held in all downstairs rooms throughout the week.

## **THURSDAY**

10:00 a.m.

12:00 p.m.

1:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

## **DECEMBER 18**

*Al-Anon (Education Room)*

**Searching for the Historical Jesus Video Series (Anderson Hall)**

**Community Meal Prep (Kitchen)**

*New Creation Church Bible Study (Library)*

**Searching for the Historical Jesus Video Series (Online)**

**Finance Committee (Online)**

## **SATURDAY**

4:00-8:00 p.m.

## **DECEMBER 20**

*Sungmee Lee Student Cello Recital (Sanctuary and Anderson Hall)*

## **NEXT SUNDAY**

9:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

11:15 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

## **DECEMBER 21—FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

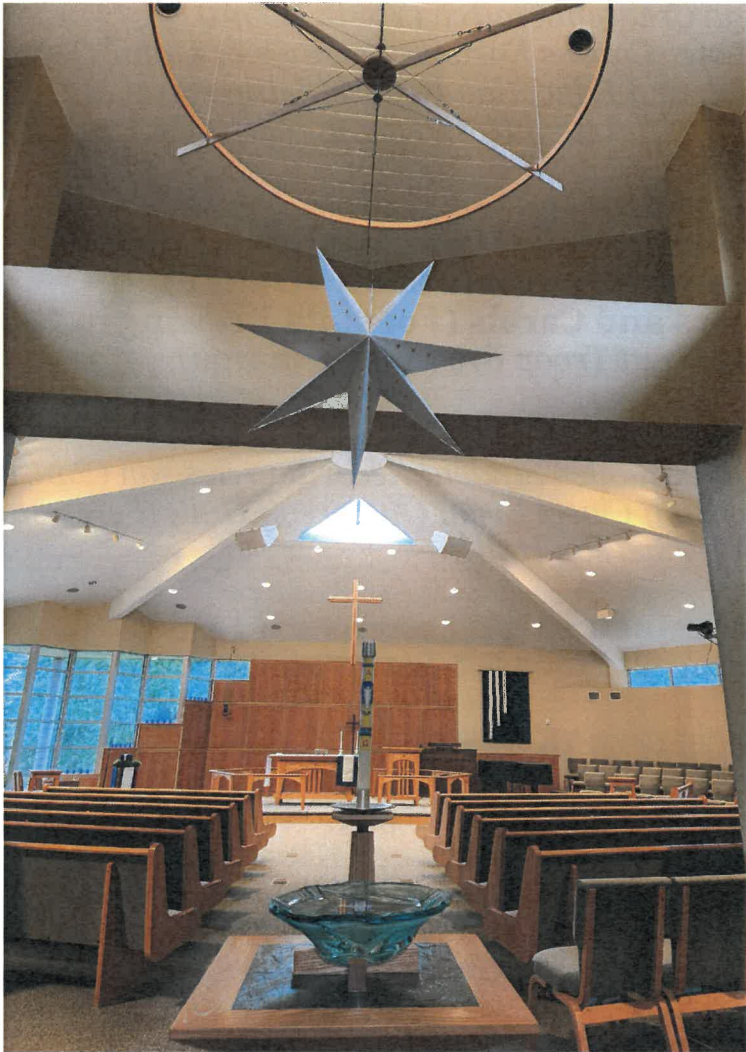
*Spirit of Peace UCC (SOP Sanctuary)*

**Worship Service (Sanctuary)**

**Coffee Fellowship (Anderson Hall)**

**Sudarium Book Reading by Chuck Shelton (Anderson Hall)**

*New Creation Church (Youth Room)*



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# Christmas CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

*Issaquah Suzuki Strings*

Our Savior Lutheran Church,  
745 Front St S, Issaquah WA 98027

WEDNESDAY  
DECEMBER

*24*

*7* PM

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*Celebrate the season with us and let your heart be filled with light!*

